



WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT GRANT

NC DEQ, DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

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WHO: ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

☐ Units of Local Government

- ✓ County Agencies
- ✓ Municipal Agencies
- ✓ State Agencies

☐ Non-Governmental Entities

- ❖ Co-Applicant NRCS-EQIP Stream Restorations

☐ NGO's Can Serve As Project Administrator

WHAT: ELIGIBLE PROJECTS



Up To 50% Cost-Share Funding For:

☐ Stream Restoration

- ✓ Stream Restoration/Stabilization
- ✓ Aquatic Barrier Removals > Dams, Culverts
- ✓ NRCS-EQIP > On Agricultural Lands (Up to 35% Match)

☐ Water Management

- ✓ Stormwater BMPs
- ✓ Shoreline Stabilization
- ✓ Drainage/Flood Control

☐ Water-Based Recreation

- ✓ Trails/Greenways along Streams, Rivers & Lakes
- ✓ Boardwalks, Fishing Docks, Piers, Treehouses
- ✓ Land Acquisition for Water-Based Recreation Projects

☐ Feasibility/Engineering Studies

- ✓ Implementation of Eligible Projects
- ✓ Small Watershed Assessments, Water Management Studies

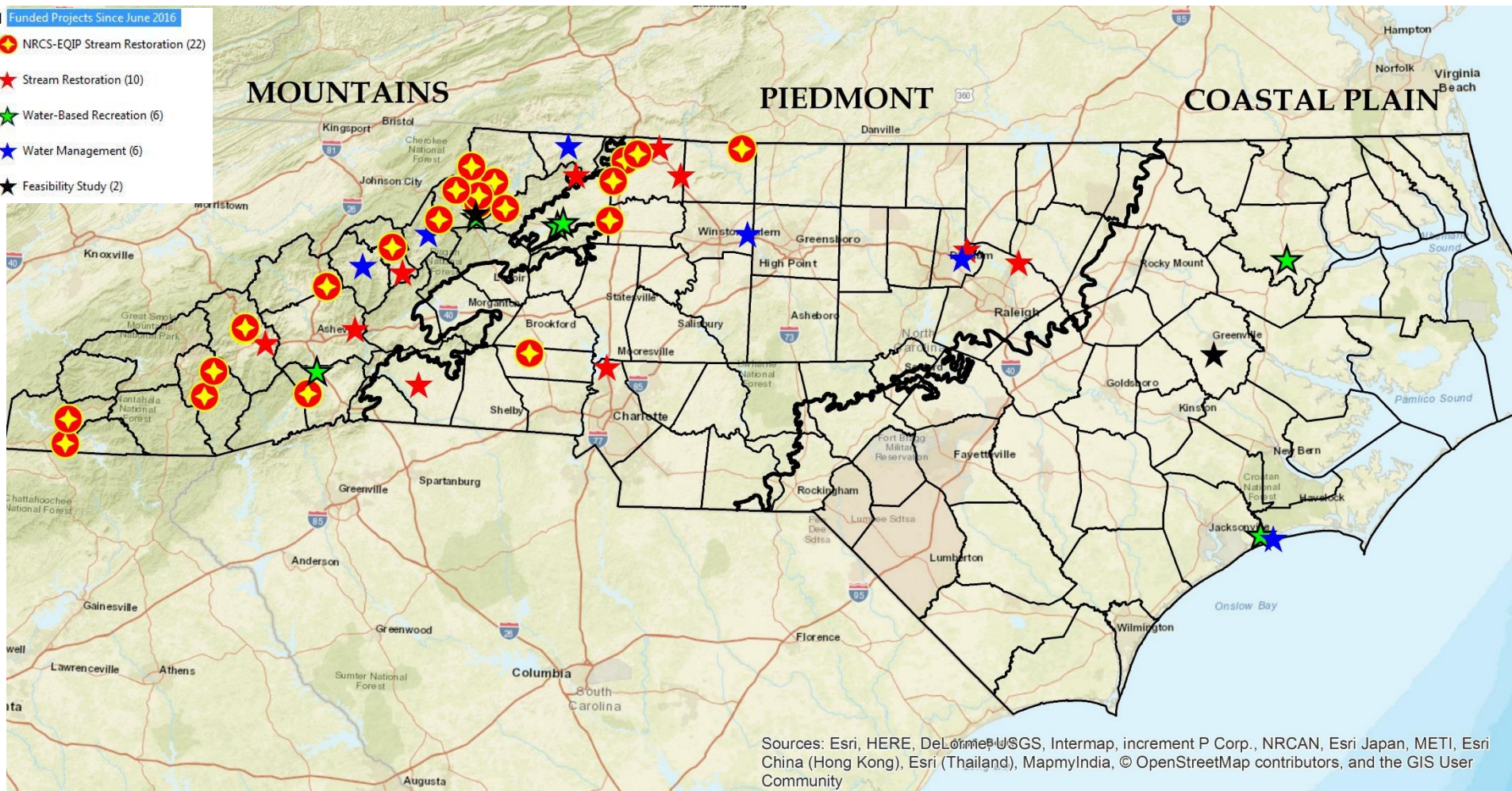
WHEN: APPLICATION CYCLES

- ❑ Spring Application Cycle: Jan 1 – June 30
 - Review Decisions: ~ October
 - Reviewed 19 Projects Last Month

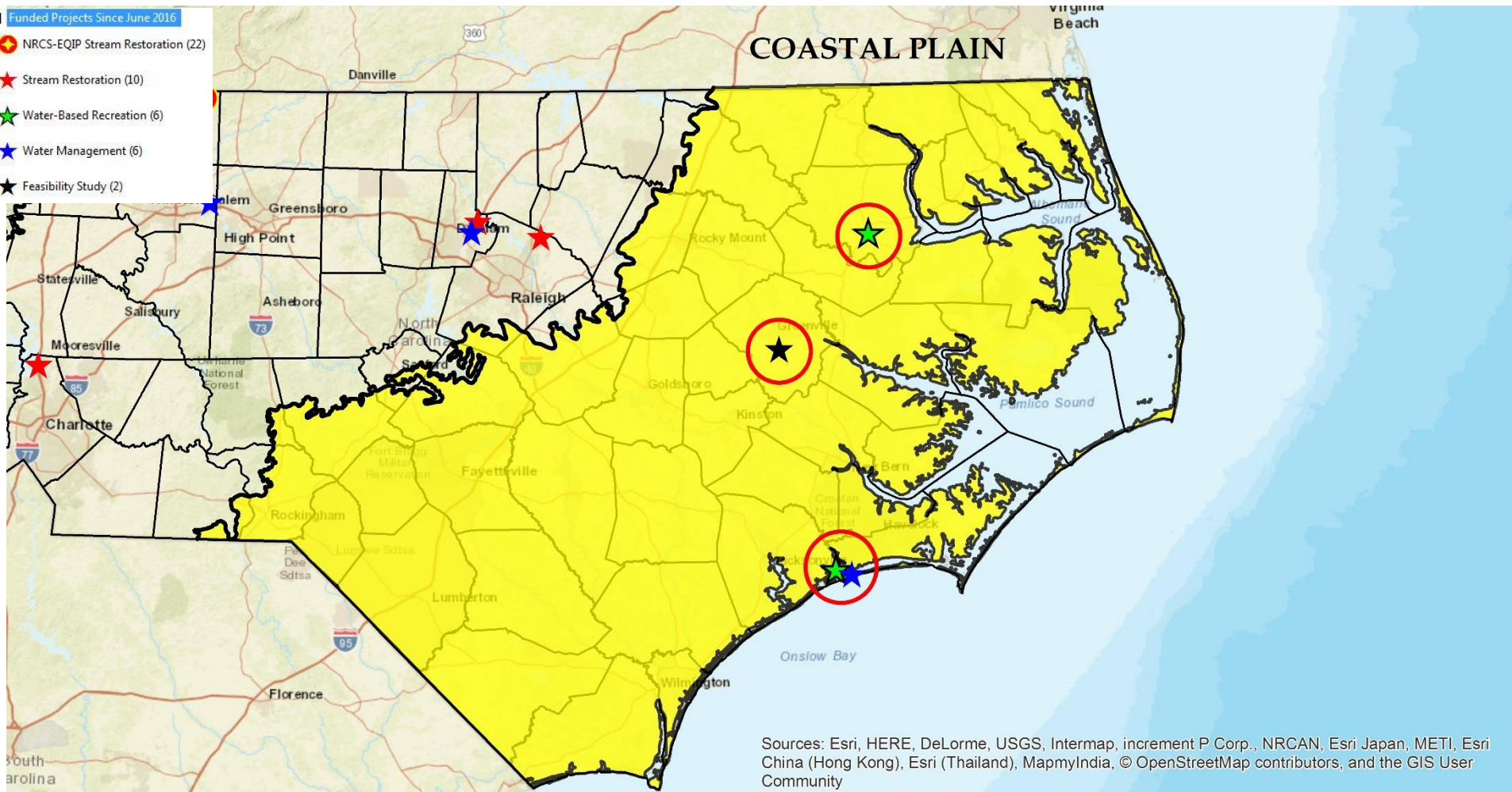
- ❑ Fall Application Cycle: July 1 – Dec 31
 - Review Decisions: ~ Next April

- ❑ Launch Online Application Process In 2018

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WHY: BENEFITS & EVALUATION CRITERIA

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- ☐ Economic Benefits
- ☐ **Environmental Benefits**
- ☐ **Environmental Impacts**
- ☐ Financial Resources
- ☐ Regional Benefits
- ☐ Social Benefits
- ☐ Benefits to State-Owned Properties

HOW: APPLICATION PROCESS



- 1) Review WRDG Website
<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-grants/financial-assistance>
- 2) Prepare A Conceptual Narrative & Map/Plan
- 3) Call To Schedule A Pre-Application Site Visit
 - a) Address Applicant's Questions
 - b) Ask Applicant Questions
 - c) Photo-Document Project Area
- 4) Submit Application
- 5) Await Award Decision: Range \$10,000 ~ \$200,000

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MAKE SENSE \$\$\$\$???

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